

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, fourth full paragraph, amend to read:

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Preferably, the silicone elastomer material of the composite elastic material is blended with one or more skin treating agents such as Vaseline (Petroleum jelly) and aloe vera. For example, the silicone elastomer may be blended with up to 3% aloe vera by weight of the silicone elastomer layer, with the balance of the skin treatment agent constituting Vaseline, so that the silicone elastomer layer is blended with skin treatment agents up to about 20% by weight of the silicone elastomer layer.

Pages 4, 5, amend the paragraph spanning these pages to read:

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When the composite elastic material is formed into a sealing sleeve with an elasticized textile fabric layer bonded on one side of the silicone elastomer layer, the textile fabric may be a circular rib knit formed principally of Nylon with a small amount of Lycra (a fiber available from DuPont) or other stretchable fiber. A secondary coating of cured silicone elastomer material may be used between the principal silicone elastomer layer and the fabric, in the same manner as described above.

Page 7, sixth full paragraph, amend to read:

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The composite elastic layer 12 also may include one or more skin treatment agents blended into the silicone elastomer, for example Vaseline or petroleum jelly and aloe vera. In a preferred example, up to 20% by weight of the composite elastic layer, preferably 11.9%, may be Vaseline and up to 3%, preferably .1%, may be a secondary skin treatment agent such as aloe vera.

Page 9, last paragraph, amend to read:

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The outer fabric layer 32, in a preferred embodiment, may be a circular rib knit fabric made of 95% Nylon and 5% Lycra (a synthetic fiber product made by DuPont), knit as a 1x1 rib using 220 needles per 2.5 cm for a 12 cm width tube and 264 needles

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per 2.5 cm for a 14 cm tube. This fabric may be obtained from RX-Textile of Monroe, North Carolina.

Page 12, amend the first full paragraph of text to read:

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The suction ~~sleeve~~ liner 40 includes a circular curved inside anterior wall portion 50 having first radii of curvature centered on a second longitudinal axis of anterior curvature 52 extending longitudinally through the suction sleeve towards the anterior side of the first central axis 46 and a posterior wall portion 54 having second radii of curvature centered on a third longitudinal axis 56 located in the posterior direction relative to the central axis 46, said first, second and third longitudinal axes 46, 52 and 56 all lying in a common longitudinally and transversely extending imaginary plane 60 (Figure 10) bisecting the anterior and posterior wall portions 50, 54 and wherein the second and third axes 52 and 56 are spaced apart at predetermined offset distance from each other on opposed sides of the first axis 46. Thus, this arrangement produces a posterior wall that is thinner than the anterior wall as shown in Figure 10.

Page 13, amend the first paragraph to read:

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At the proximal area of the suction ~~sleeve~~ liner 40 (the open end of the sleeve) a flange area 66 is provided wherein the thickness of the composite elastic material progressively thins as the top edge 68 is approached. The inside surface of the flange portion 66 of the anterior wall 50, as seen in Figure 9, tapers inwardly as the top edge 68 is approached as shown at 70 and the outer surface of the proximal end of the flange portion 66 of posterior wall 54 also tapers inwardly as shown at 72 in Figure 9. Preferably, the top edge 68 of the sleeve is relatively thin as compared with the thickness of the remainder of the sleeve.